

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL  
THURSDAY JUNE 10, 2021

Presiding: Council President Nielsen

Meeting Via Internet and at City Hall Convened at 6:30 p.m.

Prayer: Councilwoman Ball

Pledge of Allegiance: Councilwoman Fogle

Present at City Hall and Online: Councilors Joy M. Ball, Connie Fogle, and Catherine Nielsen;; Clerk-Treasurer Wendy McLaughlin; Public Works Director Arlynn Jacobson; City Building Inspector and P&Z Administrator Quinton Owens; and Chairman Dave Thompson of the Planning and Zoning Commission. Mayor Adams joined the meeting around 9:00 p.m. Councilman Dayley was excused.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilwoman Ball and seconded by Councilwoman Fogle to approve the minutes of 5-27-21; motion carried.

**MOTION:** It was moved by Councilwoman Fogle and seconded by Councilwoman Ball to approve the Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable Report; motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**BUDGET PLANNING:** The council went through each line item of the proposed 2021/22 budget with Clerk-Treasurer McLaughlin. Below is a summary of the proposed revisions:

**General Fund Revenue**

- Dog/Kennel Licenses - \$1,000 to \$500
- Plats - \$1,000 to \$2,800
- Special Use Permits - \$200 to \$1,000
- P&Z Rev – Other - \$400 to \$500

**General Fund Expenses**

The Council wants to raise council salaries since they are comparatively low and have not been raised for several years.

- Council Salaries - \$200/month to \$400/month

The Council wants to take advantage of all training meetings for themselves as well as the city staff to better serve the community.

- Travel & Hotel - \$1,500 to \$4,000
- Mileage - \$1,000 to \$2,000

City growth is predicted to increase rapidly the next few years and will reflect in increased publications for public hearings and notices.

- Publications \$500 to \$1,000

While the mayor has encouraged sponsorships for city events rather than using taxes, the

council does not want to rely solely on sponsorships.

- Sugar Days - \$0 - \$1,500
- Easter Egg Hunt - \$0 to \$400 (roll over to 4<sup>th</sup> of July)
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Float - \$0 to \$500
- Arbor Day - \$0 to \$100
- Christmas Tree Lighting - \$0 to \$500

The Council is hesitant to spend more money on police security without more information or a valid reason.

- Police Security - \$5,000 to \$0
- City Shared Security Equipment - \$5,000 to \$2,500
- City Security & Emergency - \$5,000 to \$2,500

### **Utility Fund Revenue**

The mayor would like to lower the water base fee from \$45 to \$30 plus an annual cost of living adjustment and increase the sewer base fee from \$17.97 to \$22.97. The proposed increase to sewer revenue will help offset the Moody sewer line replacement. However, there is concern that \$30 is too much of a decrease and would harm the city in the future. The Council proposes lowering the water base fee \$5 and keep the proposed sewer base increase of \$5.

- Water Base - \$30 to \$40
- Sewer Base – remain \$22.97

### **Utility Fund Expenses**

No changes were made to the proposed utility expenses. The Council will continue to review the proposed budget during the next several weeks. They will adopt the tentative budget at the first meeting in August.

### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS:**

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Float Report:** Councilwoman Fogle reported that the float committee is happy with the progress of the float and participation from the community. Councilwoman Ball will be available to ride on the float. Councilman Dayley will be contacted to see if he will be available. Four boxes of candy have been purchased for the parade. However candy cannot be thrown from the float.

**Yard Awards:** Councilwoman Ball reported that the Tree and Beautification Committee needs more signs for the yard and garden awards. The June yard awards are:

- Kevin & Cindy Miyasaki
- Rick & Britni Holman
- Jayden & Emily Cornelius
- Matthew & Audrey Taylor

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Catherine Nielsen, Council President

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wendy McLaughlin, Clerk-Treasurer